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Minden Hills lowers proposed tax increase

by JENN WATT Editor

Staff have been able to find savings across several departments at the Township of Minden Hills, lowering the financial shortfall in the proposed 2018 budget.

At its budget standing committee meeting Feb. 8, members of council were presented with a revised draft budget by CAO/treasurer Lorrie Blanchard, which lowers the proposed levy increase from the 9.73 per cent presented in January to 8.61 per cent.

The shortfall in the third draft budget is \$628,045 of which 40 per cent is from the roads department, 42 per cent for landfills and six per cent emergency preparedness.

"This is still a big number, but definitely glad to see there's some savings from the second to the third round," said Mayor Brent Devolin.

"Certainly I think these things are investments in our community, in our infrastructure that are necessary ... if we're spending money that's actually going to protect our infrastructure, nobody's happy with an increase, but they understand the logic behind it," he said.



Fearless

When Grade 5 Archie Stouffer Elementary School students, clockwise from left, Maya Johnson, Chloe Hartwig, Kennedy Gill and Jazmin Smith were struggling to deal with conflict within their friendship group, they turned to their parents and school leaders and planned an awareness and empowerment day. More on page 3. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Reporter gets behind the wheel at ice races

by DARREN LUM

Times Staff

There's nothing like the real thing. Forget about any of the incarnations of the popular video game see BETTER page 5 Gran Turismo or any driving simulators.

Forget even about virtual reality. Driving at the Minden Fairgrounds this past weekend, I didn't need any high tech set of goggles to experience the thrills of racing in a controlled environment.

Thanks to an CASC-OR (Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs - Ontario Region) ice racing trial licence offered this year and

the help from the Minden Kin Club's Jim Carrell and Tom Prentice, who provided his Subaru Forester on street studded tires, I was one of 11 drivers on the starting grid for the SS4 race, near the back of the pack waiting for the green flag to start the race.

see RACING page 4



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Minden matches Dysart's hall rental prices for minor hockey

by JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the committee of the whole meeting of Minden Hills council on Feb. 8.

Following a request from minor hockey organizers, Minden Hills staff decided to provide matching rates for hall rentals to those provided by Dysart et al. Director of community services Mark Coleman presented councillors with details on the situation and asked them to provide feedback on how to set rates moving forward.

"In an attempt to address financial challenges, minor hockey has been reviewing expenses and the need to maximize fundraising as it relates to hosting tournaments," Coleman's report to council reads. "Dysart's special fee and rate ... for minor hockey and figure skating groups is \$40 per hour to a maximum of \$100 per day for auditorium use. In Minden Hills, minor hockey primarily uses the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre Room 1 for a full day for tournaments and Room 2 for twohour clinics," he wrote. The minor group ice rate in Minden Hills is \$80 an hour. Room 1 is rented for \$250 a day and Room 2 is \$75 per half day minimum.

"Both Minden Hills and Dysart have the same rate for minor ice groups, being \$80 per hour for use of all ice times.'

Minor hockey uses the arena for between four and five tournaments a year, which brings in about \$7,900 for the township. Figure skating uses the hall once a year.

"Implementing a special room rental rate for minor hockey and figure skating will result in a reduction of revenues of about

\$150 per use and \$900 per year from current rates," the report states.

Mayor Brent Devolin said he supported competitive rates with Dysart, but cautioned not to get involved in a race to the bottom.

Coleman said he would initiate talks with Dysart et al and the minor hockey association to come up with fair rates.

"We're not there to put them out of business," he said, but pointed out the township has a responsibility to taxpayers.

Members appointed to arena task force

Councillors gave pre-approval to appoint members to the arena building task force. The committee will consist of Diane Peacock, Gary Stoner, Bill Obee, Brian Kernohan, Doug O'Dell, Jane Symons and Mayor Brent Devolin and Councillor Ron Nesbitt as council representatives.

"We tried to be as inclusive as possible; we cast a wide net [looking for members]," Devolin said.

seasonally maintained roads

Discussion around changing current prac-

Roads superintendent Travis Wilson delivon maintenance of this special group of roads, which taken collectively represent 20

After reviewing a draft bylaw, the town-

ship's solicitor had recommended that no winter maintenance be done on seasonally maintained roads, but if council wanted to move ahead with this option, that the entity doing the work enter into a licence agreement with the township.

"At the Dec. 13, 2017 roads advisory committee meeting, the committee recommended that council allow winter maintenance, provided that a license agreement is in place with the appropriate persons/representatives. The committee felt that, since private contractors maintain some of these roads, there would be a loss in revenue, for these contractors, if winter maintenance is not permitted," Wilson's report states.

The report later states: "If council should direct staff to enter into maintenance agreements, a significant amount of staff time will be required to develop and maintain a list of individuals/contractors, to provide education and to formalize agreements with all parties. It may require several years to complete the list and would incur related legal costs. Further to this, licence agreements would need to be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that insurance remains in place and to confirm that the work continues to be [the] same service provider is performing the work."

Not entering into such agreements would pose a liability concern, Wilson wrote.

He also told council the bylaw would specify that the township would open seasonally maintained roads as of June 1 and conduct maintenance through to Oct. 11. This would change practice slightly as currently they attempt to open them for the long weekend in May. Wilson's report said that was a challenge for staff due to the spring thaw and associated costs.

Devolin said he wasn't prepared to make a decision on changing current practices without further information.

"First of all, this is a pretty rapid departure for consideration with what has happened [in the past]," he said.

He wanted to know who was currently doing winter maintenance on the seasonally maintained roads, which were listed as small portions of the following roads: Murdoch Road, Wessell Road, Spar Lake Road, Iron Mine Road, Line Drive, White Boundary Road, Ritchie Falls Road, Tom Bolton Road, Soyers Lake Road, Sedgwick Road east and west, Scotch Line Road east, Beer Lake Road, Cecil Grant Road and Raptor Road.

Devolin also wanted to know what neighbouring municipalities had chosen to do with the issue.

Wilson also asked council to consider what standard of maintenance they wanted to apply to the listed roads.

Adding hazardous waste days

Ivan Ingram, environmental and property operations manager, asked council to consider having two household hazardous waste days on Saturdays that do not correspond with long weekends during the summer in order to accommodate permanent residents who often travel out of the area on holidays.

"During 2017 staff had initially scheduled events on the Saturday of five long weekends. However, one of these dates was changed to a Saturday on a regular weekend, in order to accommodate local residents who often go on vacation during the originally scheduled long weekend," Ingram's report states.

The proposed dates would be May 19, June 23, Aug. 11, Sept. 1 and Oct. 6. The household hazardous waste days are held at Scotch Line landfill from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

"In the past four years more than 142 tonnes of household hazardous waste has been diverted from the landfill," the report

Letter on internet access to be sent to CRTC

Mayor Brent Devolin gave council and the public attending the meeting an update on new initiatives to expand internet access in Haliburton County following a letter from Jan and Dave Heaven.

The Heavens' letter expressed frustration that their immediate area did not have highspeed internet and that their prices were higher than their neighbours, but they did not get as much access.

"This small neglected few extend from Nawautin Lane, along Horseshoe Lake Road, up Inukshuk Lane to Mountain Lake and along Reynolds to Duck Lake Road. We plead with council to look into this situation and come to our rescue," the letter reads.

Council decided to write a letter to Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission about the

Devolin explained that some more rural areas that were not reached in the last major high-speed internet project may have a long time to wait, even if more funding becomes

"From the time that it gets approval until the whole thing ... would roll out in Haliburton County is probably going to be a five year progression," he said.

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network, a company that has been working on expanding internet service, has put in a grant application for \$300 million in improvements.

"The next part is to add the wireless components to the fibre backbone so that there's connectivity there. I expect a decision on that before the year's out," he said.

Changes may be coming for

tices on seasonally maintained roads gave Mayor Brent Devolin cause for pause at the meeting Thursday.

ered a thorough report on issues that came up during the process of drafting a bylaw kilometres.

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Fearless girls at ASES lift each other up

Times Staff

Grade 5 students and close friends Maya Johnson, Chloe Hartwig, Kennedy Gill and Jazmin Smith were struggling.

The girls were experiencing conflict with each other, in their friendships, that they weren't finding it easy to resolve. Instead they were feeling stressed and isolated from each other, which began impacting their school studies alongside their social life.

An answer, it seemed, could be found online. Researching with their parents, they found the FearlesslyGiRL anti-bullying organization designed to empower girls and break a complicated cycle of girl against girl conflict to bring them closer together.

Their principal at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Jane Austin, was enthusiastic and on board with the leadership they were showing to find some resolution to a problem they and their peers were experiencing.

"Instead of giving in to feelings of being mad or angry or frustrated, they decided to be the change for all of us," said Austin, who said their courage in speaking up about their struggles helped lead to a solution.

And so on Feb. 8, 55 girls from Grades 4 to 6 left their classrooms and joined together in the library in a "safe space" with 12 intermediate students, Austin, and FearlesslyGiRL founder, Kate Whitfield.

Whitfield started the girl empowerment organization when she was still in high school herself. She told the group of girls that she had found that "GirlWorld was really crazy complicated," and was distraught enough that her parents encouraged her to speak to her friends.

"The thought of being that open and vulnerable with my friends really scared me," she told the group of students. "I thought they were perfect – they were beautiful, faster than me, better at math...but I worked up the courage to tell them how I was feeling, opened up about my insecurities, and the coolest thing happened – they all started agreeing."

Whitfield told the girls they are exposed to an average of 10.4 hours of media a day - most of the group, some as young as nine years old, raised their hands when asked if they had a social media account. Whitfield's discussion of "a mythical unicorn of



Kate Whitfield, in black, founder of FearlesslyGiRL met with each group of a total of 55 girls who joined the program at ASES on Feb. 8, to share a message of anti-bullying and empowerment. / **SUE TIFFIN Staff**

a girl," had the girls agreeing, and sharing what they had seen of girls using filters and posing in specific ways to present their best side online, resulting in pressure to be or look a certain way.

"We are taught from such a young age to be perfect, to smile, to stand a certain way," said Whitfield. She described the FearlesslyGiRL summit as a day "to come together to support each other, and redefine the rules of what we've been taught about what it means to be a girl. I don't think those things serve

Groups of girls scattered around the library, where after an icebreaker in which they learned more about each other, they began opening up about their stresses. Peers in their group commiserated with their feelings, some surprised to hear they weren't alone in how they felt.

"Nobody has given us permission before to talk about our feelings, our insecurities," said Whitfield. "When we speak our truth, sometimes the value is just in speaking our truth, it's realizing our voice matters."

Students spoke of feeling anxious every day that people at school would make fun of them, about the potential for rumours

to spread, about workload and pressures from parents and peers to be a certain way.

"Sometimes your friends don't like you for who you are," said

"All the things that happen in one day, they all pile up and then you can't catch up for the rest of the day," said another.

They talked about the need for the boys in their class to stop name calling, and to better understand boundaries, as well as to not reduce them to stereotypes. The girls also talked about being kinder to each other, to understand each other more.

"This generation of girls, we really need to blaze this trail and stand up for each other," said Whitfield. "We could really make some big changes."

"I'm so sad that's over," Grade 4 student Dana Kehler said to her friends at the end of the half-day program.

"It felt so good to open up to my amazing leaders," the nineyear-old told the *Times*. "Nothing's going back now. I don't think that's going to change, because the girls I was having problems with were in the program with me.

"All of my fears about being a girl are gone."

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Mar 8 - 9:30 am, Committee of the Whole Meeting

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Racing includes technique and the ability to adapt

from page 1

I never thought a Forester could ever sound so enthralling as it did when it zoomed down the front stretch of the ice track at close to 90 kilometres an hour.

With three practice laps behind the wheel and one race (and a driver's meeting) as a passenger with Carrell, an experienced ice racer, I was racing the little Subie down the inside line, lining up three-wide, looking to pass what looked like a Lexus IS 300 from the early 2000s. The driver of the Lexus spun around on the first turn with his car pointing at me, leaving me nowhere to go except sliding into a collision. The car moved out of the way and I was off again in a second.

Carrell, who has some 20 years of racing experience, was beside me, helping me drive. I cannot imagine driving without him. Having an experienced ice racer is a requirement for new drivers. From his direction, he had me sliding around the next corner, transitioning to the next one before I could say, yee haw – in my head.

I hadn't even completed my first lap and I was already running high with adrenaline and focusing intently on keeping my borrowed Subie from smashing into a snowbank, or hitting other vehicles all while trying to drive the best line.

In ice racing there is a constant battle for traction to go fast. It comes down to a balance of constant steering and throttle, whether it is to initiate a slide or to come out of one with speed. There is a fine execution of technique and a constant adaptation to the conditions of the track not apparent when you watch from the snowbanks. The ideal line changes, as does the ice track.

It was a literal exercise in driving to a goal. For me that goal was to hold my place (I ignored the several cars lapping me because they were beyond my skill level) and to finish in one



It was a literal exercise in driving to a goal. For me, that goal was to hold my place ... and to finish in one piece.

Mission accomplished...

— REPORTER DARREN LUM







piece. "Mission accomplished," went through my head, as I held my line onto the front stretch and then hammered the accelerator to speed past the waving checkered flag to maintain my seventh place in front of a pesky driver in a small grey car that had threatened to take away my glory of holding my position.

When it comes to experiences sometimes people say things like it's the best thing you can do with your clothes on. Ice racing easily falls under this category.

Above, Minden Times reporter/photographer Darren Lum negotiates a turn, driving with Minden Kin Club member and experienced ice racer Jim Carrell in Tom Prentice's Subaru Forester, learning first -hand about ice racing at the Minden Fairgrounds on Sunday, Feb. 11 in Minden. Lum was invited to race under the newly offered CASC-OR trial licence.

Left, Darren Lum waits to head out to the ice track.

Photos by Darby Bayly

Thanks to the Minden Kin Club this ice racing course has been going for more than 40 years. They build and maintain it every season. Clubs all over southern Ontario such as the Toronto Autosport Club rent the ice and cover liability costs for each weekend during the Subaru Ice Racing Championship season, which is from January and the entire month of February (possibly March for a rain date).

The series includes a variety of classes for all kinds of vehicles from hatchbacks to pickups with two-wheel drive and four-wheel drive on non-studded and studded tires.

Carrell said he loves racing and encourages others to take up the sport. It is "grassroots" racing at its best where everybody is supportive of one another and interested in having a great time. The more participation, he said, the better it is for the community.

All of this fun is only a short drive away from anywhere you may live in Haliburton County.

It only costs about \$200 for the weekend. This will include your trial licence, track fees for each day and get you an opportunity to race wheel-to-wheel and bumper-to-bumper with other like-minded people, who have a passion for cars and a yearning for speed in a controlled environment.

If you're a motorcyclist like me and have a Snell-rated helmet, bring it along. Otherwise Carrell said a helmet could be sourced.

However when it comes right down to it all you really need to bring is an open mind, a desire to have fun and your driver's licence. The rest will take care of itself.

For more information related to finding a car or the trial licence, contact the ice race director Jonathan Rashleigh at iceracedir@casc.on.ca. Information on racing can be found at www.casc.on.ca/iceracing_about.

Discover 3 Legal Mistakes to Avoid When Selling Your Haliburton Highlands Home or Cottage

Haliburton - When you're buying or selling a home, there are many small but important legal issues that you may be unaware of that are, nevertheless, critical to understand. Residential real estate is not an uncomplicated process. When such a major investment is transferred from one party to another, there are subtle details to take care of that can turn into major problems if not handled correctly.

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Better tax system needed: Sayne

from page 1

Councillor Pam Sayne cautioned that increasing property taxes couldn't be the longterm solution and that some residents were being pushed to their financial limits.

"We have to find a system that is a little bit more fair. We have a situation where we have a big gap between some of those who are living on the margins and those who are more comfortable," she said.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario has taken on the issue of infrastructure funding and the financial shortfall faced by the municipal level of government.

Sayne referenced their work, in particular

their request for a one per cent sales tax to fund roads, bridges and transit.

Deputy Mayor Cheryl Murdoch said the roads and landfill increases needed to happen and if this council doesn't raise taxes, the next would have to.

"None of us like to raise taxes because we're all paying them and it's hard. However we do like the services they provide. If we don't bite the bullet with what's being suggested here this year, it would be my opinion that next year if we don't bite this [bullet] we'll be looking at a double-digit figure just to catch up," she said.

There will be a public meeting on the budget Feb. 22.

Two men rescued from lake

Dysart fire department is again warning people to exercise caution on frozen lakes following an early morning rescue on Friday.

The call came in at 3:38 a.m. on Feb. 9 that four fishermen had gone through the ice at Birch Narrows between Grass Lake and Kashagawigamog Lake near Haliburton.

According to information from the Haliburton Highlands OPP, four men were travelling together on two snowmobiles and an ATV when the ATV broke through the ice.

"Two people had gotten out by themselves. Two people were rescued by firefighters after being in the water for at least 30 minutes," fire chief Mike Iles reported in a press release. Local firefighters used a boat to slide out

onto the thin ice and rescue the men.

Police say three of the four men were taken to hospital to be treated for signs of

The driver of the ATV, a 32-year-old, had been drinking, police say: "A three-day licence suspension was served following a warn range result at the roadside.'

Without intervention, "two people would probably be dead," Iles said in a press release.

"This is 12 people that have gone through the ice in Haliburton County this winter (within the last few days)." Those people were travelling in the area of thin ice, open water or moving water.

Iles said if people are unfamiliar with the lakes or rivers they should stay off them.

The men were not local residents, police say. The call was attended by OPP, Dysart Fire Department and Haliburton County Paramedic Service.

- Jenn Watt











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Girl power

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Reporter

THE STORY OF four Grade 5 students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School being proactive in finding a solution to their conflict is an inspiring one. It was because of their efforts and support of adults in their lives that more than 50 girls came together in a supportive and safe space for the FearlesslyGiRL summit – many entered the room shyly but left with more confidence and a drive to make change and it was powerful to

Kate Whitfield, speaker, author and founder of the Fearlessly GiRL

school assembly program, assessed the feelings of the girls in the room by asking questions to which they would raise their hands.

"How many of you notice the things you don't like about yourself first when you look in the

"How many of you laugh and smile and pretend you're OK when you're really hurting inside?"

"How many of you don't speak your mind because you're worried about what others will think?"

More than 3/4 of the girls in the room raised their hands to each of those questions. Many said they had been bullied, judged unfairly, and felt that they weren't good enough. And most said they had regretted doing something unkind to another

Encouraging our girls to celebrate and support each other instead of tearing each other down, and helping to educate boys, who deal with unique pressure in their own lives, how to treat girls and women, ensures our youth might just see a

fairer world in their lifetimes.

We as adults – men and women – need to help. We need to support girls in their efforts, encourage them to speak their truth, remind them their voice matters and consider how our own words and actions might be contributing to the problem.

We need to think about the language we use. Let's stop calling little girls cute and adorable – in fact, let's refrain from making their appearance the focus at all. Let's not tell girls that a boy hit her because he likes her, or suggest that because she's friends with a boy, she must

be getting married to him one day. Let's not assume we know what she likes or wants because of her gender.

But most importantly, let's think about the way we treat other adults, other women – whether it be in public, behind closed doors, in private conversation or in a public

online forum – because everyone deserves respect, and because our boys and our girls are watching and they are learning.

The more we help change the narrative that girls need to be saved or rescued by boys, the more we help lift each other up, the more the next generation will, as Whitfield said, blaze a trail, stand up for each other and make some really big changes.

It was Grade 4 student Dana Kehler at the end of the conference that induced goosebumps when she said, "All of my fears about being a girl are gone."

Our words and actions must make this a reality for girls and women – all of us beautiful, messy, complicated humans – in our own lives.



"Quick, we need a doctor but not a medical doctor! This woman dreamt the plane crashed."

Valentine's advice for the desperate

OW THAT the smoky haze of scented candles lit on Valentine's Day has cleared, I think we can all look inwards and realize that, once again, we have learned valuable lessons in terms of what our better half wants.

Fair warning – that's what this column is

I realize that some of you might be thinking I'm not the best person to dispense advice on this - after all, I'm the same guy who suggested in previous years that there's nothing a non-angling woman would love better than an intimate eve-

ning in a romantic ice hut.

Well, in my defence, how was I supposed to know that women (the non-angling kind) think time in a quiet ice hut is, and I quote "grounds for divorce"?

This, I think we can all agree, is actually counterintuitive. You would assume that the mere thought of their man heating a sumptuous sixcourse meal (five of which

feature baked beans and beef jerky) on a camp stove with one hand, while tenderly baiting her hook with another, would be enough to rekindle the romance in any relationship. Yet, I can attest it does not.

I know this now. Dear Lord do I know it. This year, however, I finally hit the jackpot and discovered the perfect Valentine's Day gift for the woman who has everything.

Unfortunately, by the time you read this, it will probably be too late - unless you happen to be one of those lucky fellows who forgot about Valentine's Day. Nevertheless, I'll divulge my secret anyway so that next year you are ready.

First, tell her early (basically any time between 4:00 and 4:30 a.m.) on the big day that you are going to take her out for a magical evening. This builds up the anticipation.

Then, wait for the nervous excitement to build before you let her in on the fact that you are going to take her out for a night under the open stars, jigging for walleye.

A little too romantic, you say? Ha! Just wait till you mention that, this year, you're going to let her operate your hand auger too! Honestly, I have never seen my better half get more emotional. She was actually shaking with excitement. At one point, I even noticed her looking to the heavens and whispering, "What have I done to deserve this?"

It's too bad she suddenly came down with

"a severe bout of malaria" or we would have had the most romantic evening ever - what with all the huddling together we would have had to do because of the wind-chill.

Sadly, we had to settle for option No. 2, which was ordering in take-out food, sipping wine and watching television shows that made a guy wish he was alone in an isolated ice hut. There were the traditional foot rubs too – but that ended

abruptly when she asked me to rub my feet in another room.

The point here is that we didn't have as good a Valentine's Day as we might have had, thanks to the malaria and all. Nevertheless, my sweetheart seemed to perk up, and even make a mild recovery, every time I mentioned that if I had my way we would have been huddling together on the frozen lake while jigging for walleye right at that very moment. Yes, just the thought of this romantic gesture seemed to warm her

The good news is, I no longer have to think of what we're going to do next Valentine's and, if the fishing is good, the next few after that.

Provided, of course, she gets that malaria under control.



STEVE GALEA Beyond 35

INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The spy who fed me shrooms

HE TINIEST things lead to the most important discoveries.

With nothing else to do I was thumbing through news photos on the Internet. Boring stuff. Trudeau dabbing his eyes with a Kleenex. Trump in a tied-too-long red tie. Trump in a tied-too-long blue tie.

Then onto the computer screen jumps Vlad Putin, bare chested, taking in the sun in a remote part of Siberia during his vacation last summer. It was one in a portfolio of photos dumped onto the Internet by Russian state photographers.

Vlad fishing in a stream bare-chested. Vlad scuba diving, Vlad, bare-chested again, horseback riding.

They were part of a public relations effort to show Vlad as the world's muscular, most powerful leader. The superman who has outboxed and outfoxed Humpity Trumpity of the U.S.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

Almost unnoticed in that montage of PR offerings is Vlad, wearing a shirt this time, sitting in dense forest examining and discussing mushrooms with Sergei Shoigu, Russia's defence minister.

Eh? The Russian president and his defence minister sitting in a Siberian forest discussing mushrooms?

As Sherlock Holmes would say: "Exactly, my dear Watson!"

Yes, the humble mushroom is master spy Putin's secret weapon for achieving world domination. Not just any mushroom, but those known in the dark side of mushroom gathering as shrooms – psychedelic magic mushrooms.

Russians are mushroom crazy, and love those fleshy fruits of the soil almost as much as they love vodka. They consume two million tons of wild mushrooms each year, most of which are collected in the forests by individual consumers. Mushroom picking is a national sport.

Leo Tolstoy, author of *War and Peace* and *Anna Karenina*, wrote stories about mushroom picking. Composer Peter Tchaikovsky scribbled melodies during mushroom picking expeditions.

Shrooms contain hallucinogens that cause mental disturbances similar to those created by LSD. The Russians over the years are known to have used shrooms to trick people into believing and doing crazy things.

Siberian shamans consumed shrooms to achieve spiritual journeys and sometimes gave dried, powdered shrooms as gifts at Christmas. That is how the Santa Claus legend was born.

When the Siberian snows were too deep to go door-to-door, the shamans fed magic mushrooms to reindeer and flew from rooftop-to-rooftop, delivering presents of shrooms through the chimneys.

tion as Santa Claus's winter suit.

So, although he ain't Santa, Vlad is secretly delivering magic mushrooms around the world. We don't know how he is doing it but he is getting shrooms into the bloodstreams of world leaders.

Britain's Theresa May is doing peculiar things and some days looks like she is about to snap. Normally aggressive Angela Merkel is a quiet mere shadow of herself. Justin Trudeau is speaking oddly, lecturing people to say personhood instead of manhood.

More evidence that world leaders are going strange came when Barack Obama appeared on a Jerry Seinfeld show and said a "pretty sizable percentage" of world leaders are crazy.

Last summer an Australian study reported that magic mushrooms cause people to lose their sense of self.

"People who go through psychedelic experiences no longer take it for granted that the way they've been viewing things is the only way," said one of the report's authors.

Psychedelics create "ego dissolution" which could result in re-engineering "the mechanisms of self, which in turn could change people's outlook or worldview." And, "ego dissolution offers vivid experiential proof not only that can things can be different, but that there is an opportunity to seek change."

That's exactly what Vlad is working on – re-engineering the minds of world leaders until they dance for him like puppets.

Obviously he hasn't managed to get shrooms into Trump's Diet Coke yet because that ego remains as large as the Rocky Mountains. However, he no doubt is working hard on it.

I also suspect that Vlad is trying to get shrooms not just into world leaders' food and drink but into the general population's as well.

Now that I think about it, my coffee did taste a bit different this morning.

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Snowball offering family fun

DorsetNews

Lee Ross burgesslt@me.com

The 2018 Dorset Poker Rally on Feb.10 was a huge success! The event was completely sold out and everyone had a great time. The five checkpoints this year were Big Wind Hunt Camp, Tower Hill Marine, Mountain Trout House, Kevin O'Hare and NTN Bearings. There were many prizes including gift cards, T-shirts, hats, restaurant gift certificates, helmets and more. Don Abel of Mountain Trout House and Kawagama TV was the MC for the night and Lou Moore was back to entertain with his guitar. New this year was a magic show that took place after dinner and it was a big hit with the kids and adults. Prizes were awarded for best poker hand and the 14 hands that followed. Dinner included ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables and cake for dessert. Huge thank you to the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and the Dorset Lions for putting on a great event, and especially to new snowmobile club president Jim

Speirs, his wife Leslie Kerr and Kirsten McFayden, as well as the many volunteers who come back year after year.

Snowball and Family Day weekend is almost here and it's going to be jam packed with events for everyone. From the family skate on Friday night, to face painting, food, music, bird calls, horses, the Polar Plunge, Hockey Night in Dorset and so much more. There's also still time to donate to the 2018 Deep Freeze Winter Campout by visiting canadahelps.org and searching 'Dorset Community Partnership Fund'. If you're not too worn out from all of Saturday's events, get out on the ice for the free family fishing weekend happening all over Ontario. No fishing licence required so it's the perfect opportunity to get out there and try ice fishing. The weather forecast is showing it's going to be a perfect weekend so keep your fingers crossed Mother Nature doesn't change her mind.

Have a safe and happy Family Day weekend

Happy birthday to Lindsey and Lisa Dunn, Jamie Hurley and John Keown. For birthdays and submissions, please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

The Legion's origins



Legion news this week: Karaoke with Fred and Linda, Feb. 16 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. On Saturday, Feb. 17, open mic from 2 to 5 p.m. (lunch available until 2).

The Royal Canadian Legion has a long history of proudly supporting veterans. When the First World War came to an end, numerous veterans groups and regimental associations representing former service members were created. Despite their shared goals, efforts were fragmented and unsuccessful. An appeal for unity led to the formation of the Dominion Veterans Alliance and, in Winnipeg in 1925, the Legion was founded as The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Services League. It was incorporated by a special Act of Parliament and the Charter was issued in July 1926. On Dec. 19, 1960, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II gave her consent to use the

prefix "royal," and the organization became known as "The Royal Canadian Legion." The Act of Incorporation was later amended in 1961 to make the change official. The Legion's initial main objective was to provide a strong voice for the First World War veterans. However, the advent of the Second World War created a host of new demands. The Legion expanded to offer more dedicated support to veterans, as well as those serving abroad. Today, the Legion continues to improve the lives of veterans, including serving Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP, and their families. This has been our principal objective since our inception and we will continue to work for it today and every day forward. It is our duty. The Royal Canadian Legion serves veterans, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, and their families, providing support, referrals, representation, advocacy and financial assistance free of charge, Legion member or not.

Plan to visit our branch to support the Royal Canadian Legion in its efforts to help our veterans. Everyone is welcome.

Have a thought, comment or opinion you'd like to share?

Send a letter to the editor to jenn@haliburtonpress.com

Author draws inspiration from grandkids

Minden Hills resident Marie Gage holds a copy of her new book, Blake's Monkey Adventure. The children's book is out now. She will be having a book launch March 10 in Haliburton. / JENN WATT Staff



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Editor

The idea for Marie Gage's first children's book came from watching her grandchild, Blake, and his love of monkeys.

After retiring in 2009, the Minden Hills resident decided she'd like to focus on developing as a creative writer and over the years has been working on her craft with local writers' groups.

During Christmas of 2016, the idea for her first book came to her: "why wouldn't I write a special story for each of the grandchildren making it not just about that child, but something all children would enjoy."

Her book, now in print, is called *Blake's Monkey Adventure*.

"He's a very observant child that really likes to figure things out and so at the end of the book, he kind of figures out something that his parents are surprised by," Gage says.

The book is based on her five-year-old grandson, but its themes are universal.

"The benefit of being patient is a little bit of an underlying theme. The need to keep your promises is talked about in the book. There are underlying lessons for the kids. It allows them to use their imagination a bit," she says.

Gage's intention is to write a book about each of her grandkids. She has the second book complete, a story about her grandson Luke, who is turning four.

On Christmas Eve, she presented copies of the books and stuffed animals to the kids before anyone else had seen them. It was a special moment, but one that was hard to keep under wraps.

"I called it the worst-kept secret in Haliburton County," Gage says.

"I didn't want my adult children ... and grandchildren to know, but because I was sharing my story with my writing group ... soon it became a bigger and bigger circle who knew about the Christmas surprise."

Gage is an active member of the Reading-Writing Connection and the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle and says she finds the support those groups provide essential to developing as a writer.

"If you don't write, you don't learn how to write," she says. "It gives you a group to read a story to so you can figure out what changes need to be made."

In her professional life as an occupational therapist, Gage wrote academic works, but that style of writing wasn't suiting her desire to be more creative.

"I always thought I didn't have an imagination. I just dealt with facts all the time. I've learned the imagination comes from reality," she says.

The first line of the book came to her one day.

"That first line, 'Blake was bored,' kept playing like a broken record in my head until some of the other pieces started to fall into place. Then I'd start writing and the next piece would fall into place," she says.

Once the story was complete, she asked her sister, Audrey Ramsay, to do the illustrations and the design work was done by Linda Middleton.

Marie Gage and her husband Don moved to the Highlands from London, Ont., in 1996 after buying Willow Beach Cottages. The couple also ran Made In Haliburton, the online art store for a few years.

Gage says the arts community has been a big support for her in pursuing a new avenue in life.

"It's interesting to stretch your competencies in retirement and strive for something that is different from what you've always done," she says. "There's a very supportive community of writers here."

Buying locally written books helps the area's economy, she points out.

"Buying from a local author supports the local community in much the same way as the 'shop local' campaigns work to help the local economy thrive," Gage wrote in an email following her interview.

Blake's Monkey Adventure is \$12 and is available at Master's Bookstore in Haliburton and V&S in Minden. You can also purchase copies online by visiting the "Author Marie Gage" page on Facebook and clicking the "buy now" button.

There will be a book launch at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Saturday, March 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. You can buy a book, have it signed and enjoy a reading at 3 p.m.

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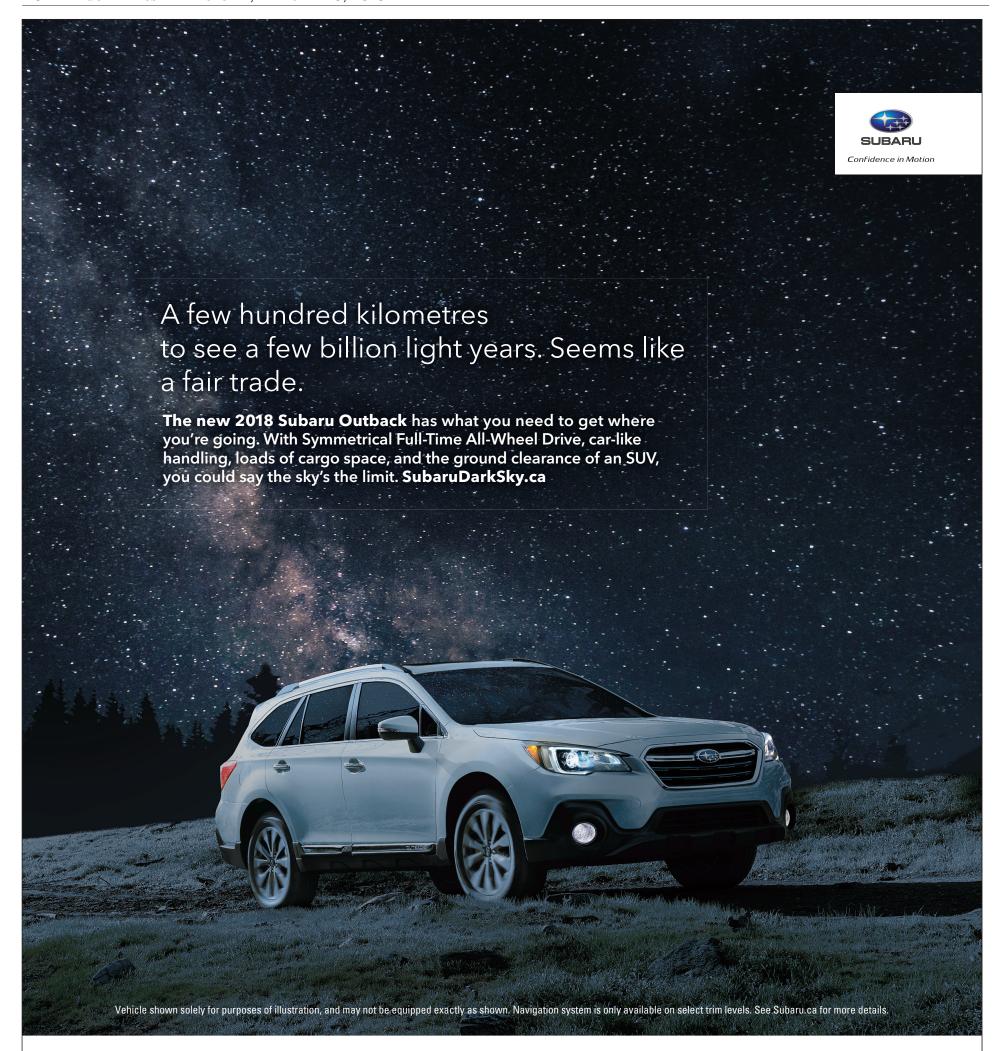
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Join Catch the Cure in Minden this Saturday

by JENN WATT Editor

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When Bethan McCutcheon is out in Minden with her two boys, Tecwyn and Tathan, they're greeted with smiles and friendly banter. Her kids are included at the

park and welcomed in the grocery store.

Tecwyn and Tathan have Angelman Syndrome, a disorder that can affect motor and verbal skills and often includes seizures, problems with sleep and gastrointestinal issues.

McCutcheon's kids are two of three in the community with the disorder and she has led to acceptance.

"Because the town knows about my boys we are treated differently," she said in response to questions via email.

"For instance, one time we went grocery shopping out of town and I was asked by a teller if my kids were from a group home. It was a really strange interaction. I'd never get that from our grocery store in town. Instead I'd hear 'Hi Tecwyn. Hi Tathan,'"

Part of the awareness raising comes from an annual event called Catch the Cure, planned for Saturday, Feb. 17, an inclusive daylong event in Minden with a list of activities and prizes too long to list in a newspaper article. Among them, public skating, a hockey game, face painting, a community dinner, Kawartha Dairy sundaes, tobogganing, silent auction and a scavenger hunt through the businesses in town.

In its fifth year, the event raises money for the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics, which has received \$65,000 through the event so far.

"From the start, our crazy idea of having a winter fair that was affordable to everyone was embraced by our family and friends," McCutcheon said. "People volunteering and kids making decorations, community businesses displaying posters in their windows and now businesses participating in a town scavenger hunt ... it's such a team-inspired event."

Most activities are pay-what-you-can or

Catch the Cure is organized by McCutcheon and Sue Tiffin, whose daugh-

says that awareness raising over the years ter Harper also has Angelman Syndrome. The name came during a brainstorming

> session about fundraising. "We literally want to catch the cure,"

McCutcheon said. "We can see it ahead of us and we are running toward it, or skating in our case."

Aside from people in town knowing the names of Harper, Tecwyn and Tathan, over the years the knowledge of the syndrome has been building.

"I've heard my [Facebook] friends share stories about going to the local park and kids shunning their children and commenting in a hurtful manner about their drool," McCutcheon said. "And again, this is something we wouldn't experience in our town as the kids in the community know my boys and know they drool because of low tone and we are 'drool-friendly.' I think when you understand you see differently."

Fellow students have also learned that Angelman Syndrome means McCutcheon's boys communicate with tone and volume, rather than words. When they're excited, they raise their voices, which to some could be perceived as yelling.

She said it was encouraging that parents and kids asked questions and created a dialogue, which improved understanding.

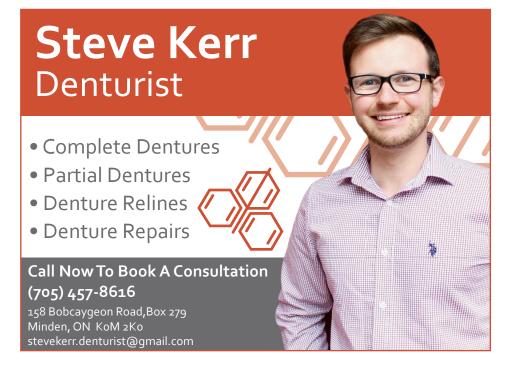
"The kids in this town are the future community leaders, parents, therapists, researchers and this awareness and takeaction initiative will shape them," she said.

Catch the Cure starts at 1 p.m. and runs until 8 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre in Minden on Saturday, Feb. 17. To find out more, search Catch the Cure on Facebook.



Winning skaters

Members of the Minden Skating Club competed at a skating competition in Baysville on Jan. 20. From left, Melanie Walter, Star 5, Under 13, second; Madison Allaire, Star 4, Over 13, first; Abby Rosik, Star 5, Under 13, third./ Submitted



A town celebration on Family Day weekend



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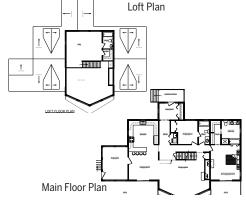
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Kinmount Winterfest glistens

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

Weather – including a downpour of freezing rain – might have affected the numbers of people who turned out for Kinmount's Winterfest on Feb. 10 and 11, but not their spirit.

One family arriving to events on Feb. 11 as the rain poured down, who said they were from the "suburbs" of neighbouring Irondale, said they hadn't expected it to be raining, but wanted to come out to give the kids something to do, and to support the community.

The weekend of events included a Saturday night dance, an antique snowmachine show, a fur display and skating and sledding opportunities.



Sleigh rides around the Kinmount fairgrounds were provided by Mash Hill Carriages at Winterfest held on Feb. 11. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Laurie Scott, MPP, warmed up and modelled some furry fashion with the Minden and District Fur Harvesters.



Vintage snowmobile enthusiasts showed off their classic beauties.



Olivia Lee warmed up inside with a slice of pizza, but ran outside to catch a lift on a sleigh ride soon after.





Wrestlers shine in Uxbridge

The HHSS Wrestling Team returned to the mat on Feb. 8 to compete at the Uxbridge Secondary School Wrestling Tournament. More than 250 athletes from the COSSA and Durham regions attended the event. This competition was intense.

Fifteen wrestlers represented Haliburton at the tournament. The veterans of the team were competitive.

Matt Manning, Aidan Coles and Hannah Riopelle remained undefeated throughout the day and returned home with gold medals.

Nic Graham, Emily Klose and Noelle Dupret Smith earned silver medals.

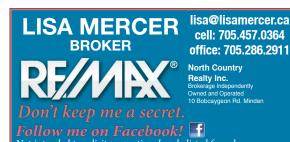
Wrestlers are preparing for their respective regional championships in the next two weeks. The final league tournament on Feb. 15 at I.E. Weldon Secondary School is open to all wrestlers in the region and will seed the athletes for the COSSA Wrestling Championship, which is hosted by HHSS on Feb. 22

Submitted by Paul Klose

Red Hawks wrestler Aidan Coles, who has dominated his 95 kilogram men's division this season, works his cross-ankle attack to score the final points in a 10-0 victory.

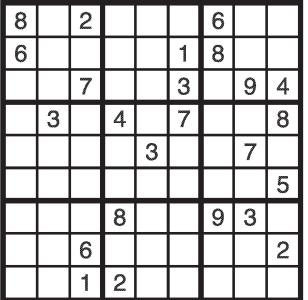


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Answers on page 18



Red Hawks wrestler Matt Manning (67.5 kg men's) postures to gain control of his opponent in the gold medal match at the Uxbridge Secondary School Wrestling Tournament. More than 250 athletes from the COSSA and Durham regions attended the event. Submitted by Paul Klose.



Red Hawks wrestler Hannah Riopelle works to pin her opponent in the 44 kg women's final



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Red Hawks forward Ryan Mee looks for an opening to the net against a pair of Brock Bulldogs defenders.



Hawks carry momentum into playoffs

Top, Red Hawks guard Brian Kim drives through the lane, evading Brock Bulldogs defenders during Kawartha Junior Boys Basketball League action on Tuesday, Feb. 6 in Haliburton. Joe Boice and the Hawks beat the visitors 54-40 to end the season tied for third place with a 5-5 record just behind the 6-4 Bulldogs. Hawks centre Boice led all scorers with 17 points, followed by teammate Tevin Sullivan, who scored 14 points and Holden Dupret Smith, who added 12 points. Photos by Darren Lum



Red Hawks guard Holden Dupret Smith rushes past a Brock Bulldogs defender.

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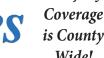
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UPCOMING

Community Events

Minden Legion Open Mic When: Saturday, Feb. 17, 2 to 5 p.m.

Maker Hub days with Community of Making Animator

When: Feb. 22, March 1, March 22, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm Where: Dysart Branch Maker Hub, Centre for Making at HSAD, Sticks & Stones Production and Canoe FM by call N. Marziali at the Dysart Branch Library at 705-457-2241. HCPL is offering guidance and tools to begin that project you have in mind.

Introduction to the Maker Space tools. Noelia begins the day at the Centre for Making at HSAD but we can arrange to meet wherever required.

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic, Wednesday

When: Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

The Canadian Federation Of University Women (CFUW)

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 15

WHERE: Haliburton School of Art and Design, Fleming College, Great Hall

TIME: 1:30-2:30 pm. OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Afterward, there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to mingle with the speakers (CFUW business meeting to follow).

TOPIC: Bringing a Syrian Refugee Family to Canada From the beginning stages of a television newscast and a call for interest, to the arrival of a refugee family, two members of the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee will share the process of bringing a family to Canada. The presentation will describe the months of planning, the on the ground work and the many people and organizations involved in this life altering experience. WHO: Chris Lynd and Sean Pennylegion

Initiated by St. George's Anglican church, the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee was formed to raise funds to support a refugee family to come to Haliburton. Believing that the Haliburton community could do anything it put its mind to, Chris and Sean felt great pride as they chose to help the international cause and bring a family to safety. COST: FREE. Donations to the CFUW Haliburton Highlands Bursary Fund would, however, be welcome.

Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge

An event at the Haliburton Frost Festival When: Saturday, Feb. 17

Registration at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & Event starts at 1 p.m. Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Todd's Independent or http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburtonon/index.php

For more information, contact Lion Jim Frost at 705-457-4031. All proceeds to the Hospital for Sick Children's Garron Cancer Centre or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

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MINORHOCKEY

Midget girls advance to LLFHL championship

The Bancroft IDA/Red Eagle Campground Midget girls' hockey team advances to the second round of the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League with a win, loss, win record against West Northumberland Wild.

Game 1 on Saturday, Feb. 3 had the Jets trailing The Wild for most of the game until Bancroft's Katy Funk scored two minutes into the third and again with 2:30 remaining in the game followed with Gabby Burnett netting the insurance two minutes later. Final score was 4-2 thanks to two goals each from Funk and Burnett.

Bolstered by their strong start in Game 1, the Wild showed up ready to play in Game 2 at their home rink in Cobourg on Monday Feb. 5. West Northumberland took the lead midway through the first with their first of five goals and held onto it beating Bancroft 5-4. Bancroft goals were scored by Julianna Croskery, Kendra Bandy, Katy Funk and Victoria Shpikula.

With the season on the line, the Bancroft Jets finally rediscovered their game in Apsley on Wednesday, Feb 7. Goaltender Chloe Burnett began her shutout by making a huge save in the early seconds that rallied the confidence of her team. Bancroft didn't turn back from that point with a decisive 7-0 win. Goal scoring was shared among six players including Gabby Burnett with two and one goal each to Paige Billings, Katy Funk, Olivia Martin, Victoria Shpikula, and Jordan Brownlee. Captain Sara Switzer led the team in points with three assists.

Good luck, ladies in the next round against the Napanee Crunch

Bantam girls Jets take win against Keene

On Thursday evening the Bantam girls team travelled to Keene to face the Otonabee Wolverines for their first playdown game.

The girls skated hard throughout the game and were rewarded with a 4-1 win.

The first period was scoreless for both teams. Early in the second, Haley Goulet started off the Jets with a beautiful snapshot into the back of the Wolverines net, assisted by Kennedy Croskery.

Hannah McMann followed with a wicked wrist shot goal, bouncing the puck off the right post and into the net. Emma Neuman got the assist. The third period saw the Jets add two more goals to the scoreboard in the last minute of play. Beth Brownlee, unassisted, used her speed, and puck handling skills to deke her way through to the opponent's end, and raised the puck over the goalie's right shoulder. With three seconds remaining on the clock, McMann scored her second and the final goal of the game with great positional play and a precision pass from Goulet.

Bella Smolen had a great game in net and shut down the Wolverines for the Jets.

The team will continue their playdown run with games this Saturday evening in Peterborough and Sunday here at home, at the NHCC at 3 p.m. against the Peterborough Ice Kats. Come out and cheer the Jets on!

Submitted by Linda Goulet

9-2 win for Bantam A's

The Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House



REQUEST FOR INTERESTED PARTIES FOR PROPERTY CLEAN-UP

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for individuals and/ or companies for the clean-up of properties as per Property Standards By-Law 11-61. Interested Parties would be required to perform any or all of the following duties:

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- Dilapidated/collapsed or partially constructed structures.
- $\label{proof of Liability Insurance and WSIB are mandatory.} \\$

Please submit letters of interest, in writing, to:

Colin McKnight, CBO/MLEO/Planning Supervisor Township of Minden Hills, Box 359, 7 Milne Street Minden, Ontario Dollo's Foodland Bantam A's began round two of the playoffs last Saturday travelling to Wasaga Beach to take on the Stars in a best of five quarterfinal series. Nate Miscio, in net

sweet left pad save during a scramble just outside his crease. Down a couple of their regular players, the Storm showed confidence from their opening series win against the Durham Crusaders, strong positional play killing off penalties and effective forechecking particularly by Mathias Lee, Zach Davis, Tyson Clements and Cody Switzer in the first period.

for the Storm made some splendid saves early including a

Desi Davies put the Storm on the scoresheet first when the puck came out from behind the Stars net and he put a rocket over the shoulder of the Stars netminder. Davies added an assist in the second period setting up Hunter Arnott on an almost identical pass from behind the net to give the Storm a 2-0 lead.

The Stars, winners of their opening series against Shelburne Wolves, certainly were not going to give up without a fight and made it 2-1 just after Storm captain Jackson Gill made a highlight reel diving save to thwart a Stars player from putting the puck into an empty net. The Stars tied the game near the end of the second period however the 2-2 tie heading into the third was definitely not an indication of the Storm's game dominance over the opening two periods; that point came to light as the boys came out of the dressing room and scored seven unanswered goals in the third period for a solid 9-2 win.

Third period goal scorers were, two each by Brenden Coumbs, Tyson Clements and Jackson Gill, and singles by Cody Switzer and Davies, giving Desi the hat trick and a multi-point night. Game 2 of this series is on Saturday in Wasaga with the Storm returning home for a game 3 tilt on Sunday in Haliburton at 5 p.m.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Second playoffs round starts with a win

The Highlander and Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team began the second round of playoffs, Sunday, Feb. 11 in Minden, against the Shelburne Wolves and captured a 6-3 win. It was a fast-paced, action-packed game from the start.

Both teams energetically came out with an aggressive attitude to win.

It was the Wolves that got on the scoreboard early in the first. A couple minutes later, the Storm answered back. Jacob Haedicke started the rush, Morissette then chipped the puck off to Lucas Haedicke, he manoeuvred nicely past the defence and snapped in the first Storm goal. With that, the Storm turned it up a notch, kept it clean and scored another three goals before the first period buzzer.

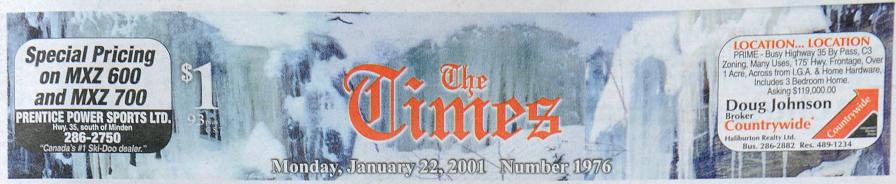
The Storm dominated in the Wolves' end. O'Neill and Patterson-Smith fed Owen Smith and he flipped it over the goalie making it a 2-1 game. Next, Flood rushed in from the neutral zone and nailed it through the five hole. Then it was give-and-go action around the net that found Boice open and he widened the gap to 4-1.

The first penalty came with seconds left in the period. The Wolves took advantage of the power play at the start of the second period with a goal. Shortly after, the Wolves got lucky with a rolling puck that found the Storm's net, now 4-3. The pushing and shoving began to escalate to the Storm's benefit and they captured two power plays goals. The Storm's momentum grew and they attacked the net. It was shots from Boice and Owen Smith that made it a 6-3 game. It appeared that the players could no longer control their aggression in the third period and the penalties began. Late in the period, things intensified and eventually became a brawl. An eventful, well-played game by the entire Storm team and an awesome 6-3 win for a good start to the second round of playoffs. *Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke*

Atom A's pull off resounding win in game two

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's hosted the Shelburne Wolves for game two of round two of the playoffs on Sunday, Feb. 11 at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena.

The first period started with the Storm going in the penalty box and Shelburne scored. However a minute later Beckam Reynolds scored, tying the game. Shortly after it was four-on-four and Addison Carr scored and 30 seconds after that he scored again. Then with 20 seconds left Colby Coumbs came skating down the ice and scored a beauty rocket shot and it was 4-1 going into the second. The second started with another goal by Carr. Then it was just penalty after penalty,





Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey, seated, is surrounded by members of the 2001 County Council following the inaugural meeting January 16. They include, from the left, County CAO Gary King, Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman, Sherborne, Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison, Highlands East Deputy Reeve Chuck Viner, Dysart Deputy Reeve Bill Davis, Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney, Sherborne, Stanhope Deputy Reeve Don Shortreed and Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon.

Seventh term for Dysart Reeve

Fearrey acclaimed Warden

by Jerry Grozelle

Murray Fearrey, reeve of Dysart et al, will take the reins of Haliburton County council for the year 2001. He was chosen by his peers at the warden's inauguration meeting of county council on January 16. This year marks Fearrey's unprecedented seventh term as Warden of Haliburton County.

"Reeve Fearrey brings to this position a wealth of experience," said Councillor Ross Rigney in his nomination address.

Rigney said Fearrey has seen the role of warden evolve from an ambassador type position of representing the county at local events, to the major leadership role it now has. He added that with the restructuring of the county government from 10 municipalities to four, and the downloading of services from the upper levels of government to the county, it will require a strong county government.

ence, leadership skills and drive to move the county ahead," Rigney said. "Our warden must be a person of vision and perseverance - vision to chart our course for the year and the perseverance to make sure

The nomination, seconded by Dysart Deputy Reeve Bill Davis, went unopposed and Fearrey was acclaimed as Warden of Haliburton County for 2001.

Fearrey said there has been considerable change since he and Keith Tallman first were elected to county council in 1973. He said the number of council members has gone from a high of 19 in the early 1970s to the current eight-member team.

"As you know, the province has asked the municipalities and the counties to downsize and we made a clear choice several years ago to be a two-tier county and we got our wish thanks to the support of

(more on page 3)

Council will consider application this week

Gallery, museum expansion

An application to Ontario's SuperBuild Corporation could raise Minden's Agnes Jamieson Art Gallery to a 'Class B' designation. The application goes before municipal council for approval this week.

The proposed gallery expansion would see an addition and retrofit to the existing gallery building located on Bobcaygeon Road which would then allow the facility to apply for the special class designation. "The designation would allow them to aceept donations of art and issue receipts for income tax purposes," said Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron. "It will also allow them the room to display parts of the permanent collection (of Andre Lapine paintings) which, over the course of a year, could be rotated.

The proposed expansion would be built off the back portion of the gallery to the north and the east. A deadline to file the letter of intent to apply for SuperBuild funding's Sport, Culture and Tourism allocation is February 2. "They (Superbuild) will let us know if it is a reasonable proposal, then we can proceed to file the application," adds Cameron.

Included with the proposal, the Minden Museum Committee is seeking to erect a building to display artifacts and a miniature village - provided they can secure the storage space for it. "That's going to be included as part of the application as well," said Cameron. He is handling the letter of intent which will be presented to council for final approval.

The plan was approved at the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Relations Committee meeting last week.

The tentative floor plan for the gallery portion of the proposal has indicated that an estimated cost of \$280,000 will be needed to do the job. Cameron is awaiting news from the architect about the cost for the Museum portion of the application.

Superbuild's Sport, Culture and Tourism funding allocation does not cap the amount of money it would provide to a worthy project in its application. "It's all open-ended and there are no dollar signs in there at all," Cameron said.



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Linda Salvatori

would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who thoughtfully sent flowers to the HHHS and to everyone who offered you to everyone who visited mom during her stay in the hospital. Thank you to all staff at the Haliburton Hospital for your wonderful and compassionate care and a you to Dwaine and Lori Lloyd, thank you to the CWL, and to Father Murray, Father Meyer and Father Zoeller. Your many acts of kindness, sympathy and friendship continue to be a great comfort to us. Mom was a wonderful, kind, loving woman and a true angel on Earth. She shared her love

The family of the late

and cards, provided a donation on her behalf their condolences upon her passing. Thank those who so kindly brought food and meals. Thank you to the nursing and housekeeping special thank you to Dr. Stephenson. Thank and kindness with so many. She will be truly missed by everyone who knew her.

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Position: Seasonal Camp Cleaner

Job Type:Seasonal:End of June until the beginning of SeptemberLocation:Camp KandaloreWage:\$14.00 Hourly

Description: Camp Kandalore is looking to hire four candidates to be our cleaning crew this summer. Located 12 minutes North of Carnarvon off of Highway 35, we are a co-ed residential summer camp for campers aged 6-16. Since 1947 Kandalore has offered an exemplary camp program and has a rich history of paddling and canoe tripping. Check us out at www. kandalore.com. We provide food and lodging, access to camp equipment, and a beautiful property to explore.

The Role: Camp Kandalore is looking for four hard-working, positive and reliable people to be our cleaning crew this summer. The general duties of the cleaning crew include:

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- Cleaning of camp common areas including washrooms and
- Assisting maintenance staff with the upkeep of the camp facilities
- Painting and other minor repairs of camp structures

- Must enjoy working outside and being part of a fun loving community
- Willing to work six days a week, afternoons, and weekends
- · Able to lift 25lbs continuously and work in a physically demanding
- Able to work as a positive member of a team as well as independently

Please submit your resume to Gord Darling ~ Site Manager Gord@kandalore.com

Kandalore thanks all applicants for their interest, but can acknowledge only those selected for an interview.



It's in our nature

Position: Groundskeeper / Cleaner

Job Type: Seasonal with potential for an extension *Location:* Algonquin Highlands, Ontario Wage: \$14.00 Hourly

Description: Camp Kandalore is located 12 minutes North of Carnarvon in Algonquin Highlands, Ontario. Since 1947 Kandalore has offered an exemplary camp program to campers age 6-16. Kandalore has a rich history of paddling and canoe tripping which complements our dynamic in-camp activity program. Start Date: April 01/2018

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CALL TO HALIBURTON COUNTY ARTISTS

Your support is needed for an important fundraiser for YWCA Peterborough Haliburton.

A group of local citizens has formed a committee to create a 2019 HERS Calendar, raising funds for HERS and promoting awareness about local YWCA services for women and children fleeing abuse.

We are seeking local artists whose work reflects the beauty and diversity of Haliburton County and who would like their art to be featured in our calendar.

A total of 1,000 copies will be sold at various locations throughout the County and at community events beginning in June 2018.

YWCA Peterborough Haliburton

In Haliburton County, YWCA operates HERS (Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace) the County's only safe space for abused women and children, provides outreach support at safe locations throughout the County, teaches youth about healthy relationships through GirlSpace programs and provides education awards to survivors of abuse who are seeking to better their lives through higher education.

If you would like to donate your art work as one of our 12 monthly images, or as a draw prize item, we would be delighted. Please let us know of your interest by Friday March 9, 2018.

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We will be in touch soon after we receive your request to discuss our proposal. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 705-286-2414 or bonnieroe08@gmail.com.

YWCA is aware of this fundraising event. Should you wish to speak with the YWCA directly, please contact Tina MacFarlane at 705-743-3526 ext 123 o tmacfarlane@ywcapeterborough.org.





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Loved by his nieces and nephews Michelle, Elizabeth, Paul, Michael, Andrew, Bradley, Sharon, Walter, Doug, Rick, Scott, Dan, Wendy, Sherry, and the late Lori and Cheryl. Ken was the son of the late Viola and William McLean. He will be missed by his musical family and his many

The family of Ken McLean received friends at the Thorne Funeral Home, 98 River Street, Sunderland (705-432-2672) on Tuesday, February 13th. A service to celebrate his life was held at the St. Andrew's United Church (10 Church Street, Sunderland) on Wednesday, February 14th with Rev. Les Hills who officiated. If desired, memorial donations may be made by cheque to the Canadian Cancer Society. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at FUNERAL HOME J.A. THORNE LIMITED

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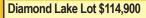
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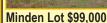




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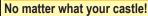






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but soon it was a five-on-three for Shelburne and they scored. But the Storm answered back with another goal by Carr. The game was 6-2 going into the third period. The third started with a goal by Brechin Johnston and then it was just a penalty battle. Shelburne got the first goal and then it was all Storm after that. Cheyenne Degeer took a beauty shot and scored, a minute later Carr tied one in and finally with only a minute left Johnston shot one in the mesh and it was a 10-3 final. That put the Highland Storm Atom A team up 2-0 going into game three in Shelburne.

The Cottage County Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Atom As now will travel to Shelburne to play game three on Saturday Feb. 17 at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted by Amber Card

Second win in a row for Atom 2

On Saturday the Storm's TD Atom 2 team hosted the South Muskoka Fitzmaurice Atoms at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Fitzmaurice was up 2-0 by the time Ethan Thomas broke away and scored the Storm's first goal of the game unassisted with five minutes left in the first. The Storm found themselves down 3-1 to start the second period.

The Storm got to work and started chipping away at Muskoka's lead. Owen Sisson's effort on the forecheck led to Eric Mueller streaking in on the Muskoka goalie and scoring his first goal of the season. Sisson was at it again, early in the third when he set up Thomas for his second of the game, tying it up at three goals apiece.

The Storm stuck to their game plan working hard to main-

tain pressure on the Atoms from Muskoka. Midway through the third, defenceman Toby Posti spotted Maxime Little open up the middle. Making no mistakes, Posti put the puck on Little's stick. Maxime drove the net like a man possessed, stuffing the puck behind the Muskoka goalie. His first goal of the season and the Storm's first lead of the game with eight minutes still to play.

The final minutes of play saw chances traded at both ends. The solid team play by the Storm in both ends of the rink, combined with goalie Jacob Lloyd closing the door, the Storm got their second win in a row. 4-3 final. Next the Storm hosts Parry Sound Feb. 17 at the S.G. Nesbitt arena in Minden.

Submitted by Jamie Lloyd

Bantam LL outplay Ice Devils

On Saturday, Feb. 10, the Total Site Services Bantam LL team travelled to South River to take on the Almaguin Ice Devils. In the first minute into the game Hunter Winder opened the scoring with a beauty from the blue line. Then with six minutes to go in the first, Jackson Wilson scored on a nice pass from Reese Casey and then Kolby McGovern finished out the period with a nice one making it 3-0 for the Highland Storm.

Second period saw a lot of back and forth play and Wilson managed another nice one on a shot from Nick Phippen. Almaguin quickly retaliated and got on the board late in the second. Winder got his second goal unassisted as he skated through the crowd.

We were without our regular goalie this week and Carson Simms played great in that role. Thank you from the team for

coming all that way to help us out!

Almaguin got another early in the period. Phippen had another awesome opportunity on another nice pass from Kiera Casey and Cash Fowler. Then Winder got his hat trick on a nice play from Phippen and Wilson. Final score was 7-2 for the Storm. Next week they take on the Parry Sound Shamrocks at 2 p.m. in Minden on Saturday and Sunday we are off to Cobourg for a small tournament. Good luck team!

Atom AE defeat Ice Devils

The G.J. Burtch Construction Atom AE took on the Almaguin Ice Devils on Saturday, Feb. 10. Storm defeated the Almaguin Ice Devils 5-3 with four goals scored by Jace Mills and one by Isaac Lee. Taylor Muclock had an outstanding game with three assists!

The Atom AE are going to be travelling to Bracebridge to take on South Muskoka next Saturday.

This week's playoff schedule

Atom vs Shelburne Wolves

Game 3: Saturday, Feb. 17 at 12:40 p.m. in Shelburne, Game 4: Sunday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. in Haliburton (if required) Bantam vs Wasaga Beach Stars

Game 2: Saturday, Feb. 17 at 12:40 p.m. in Wasaga Beach, Game 3: Sunday, Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. in Haliburton

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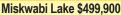
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